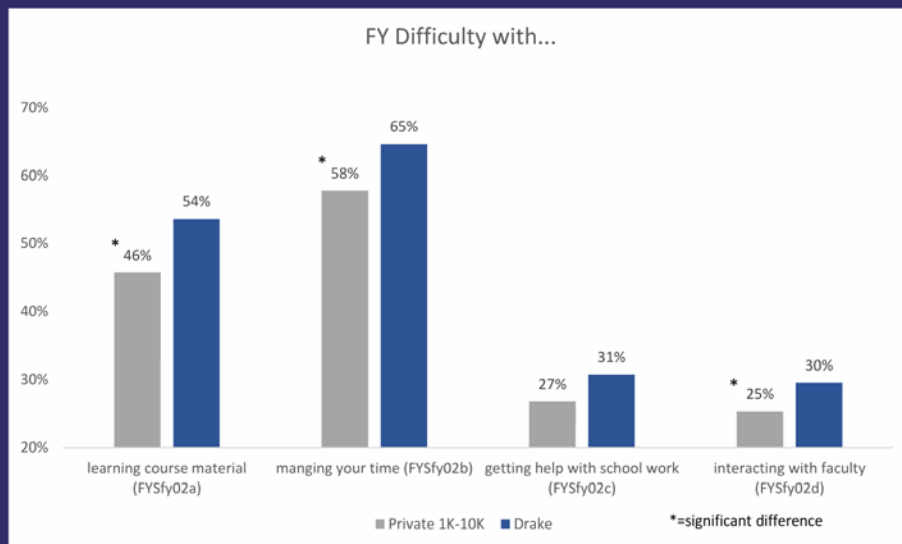
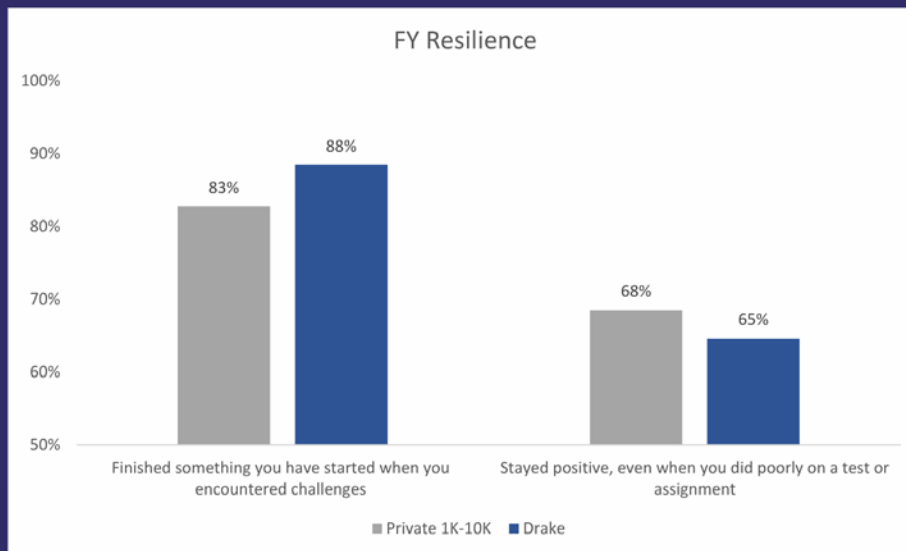


First-Year Support



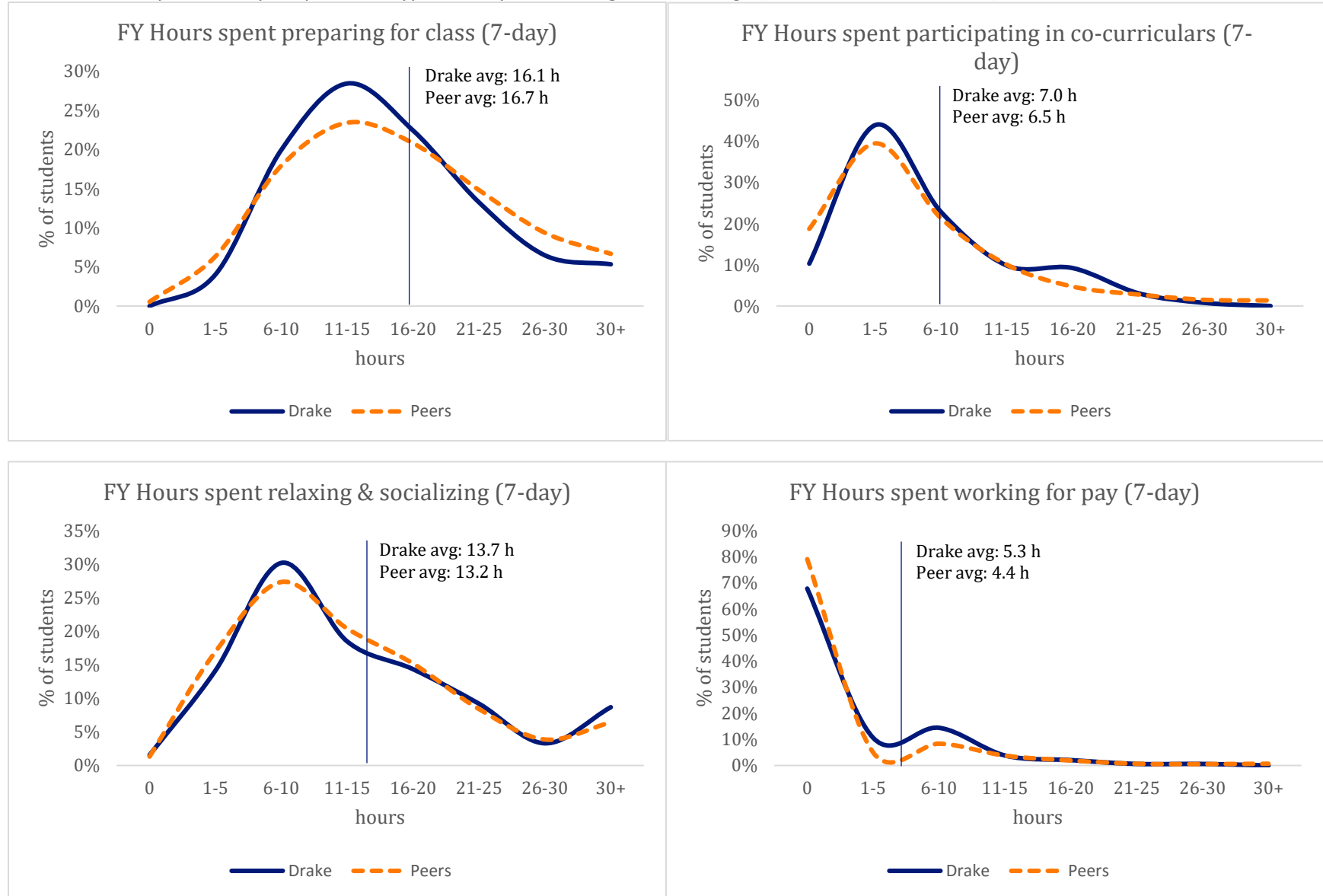
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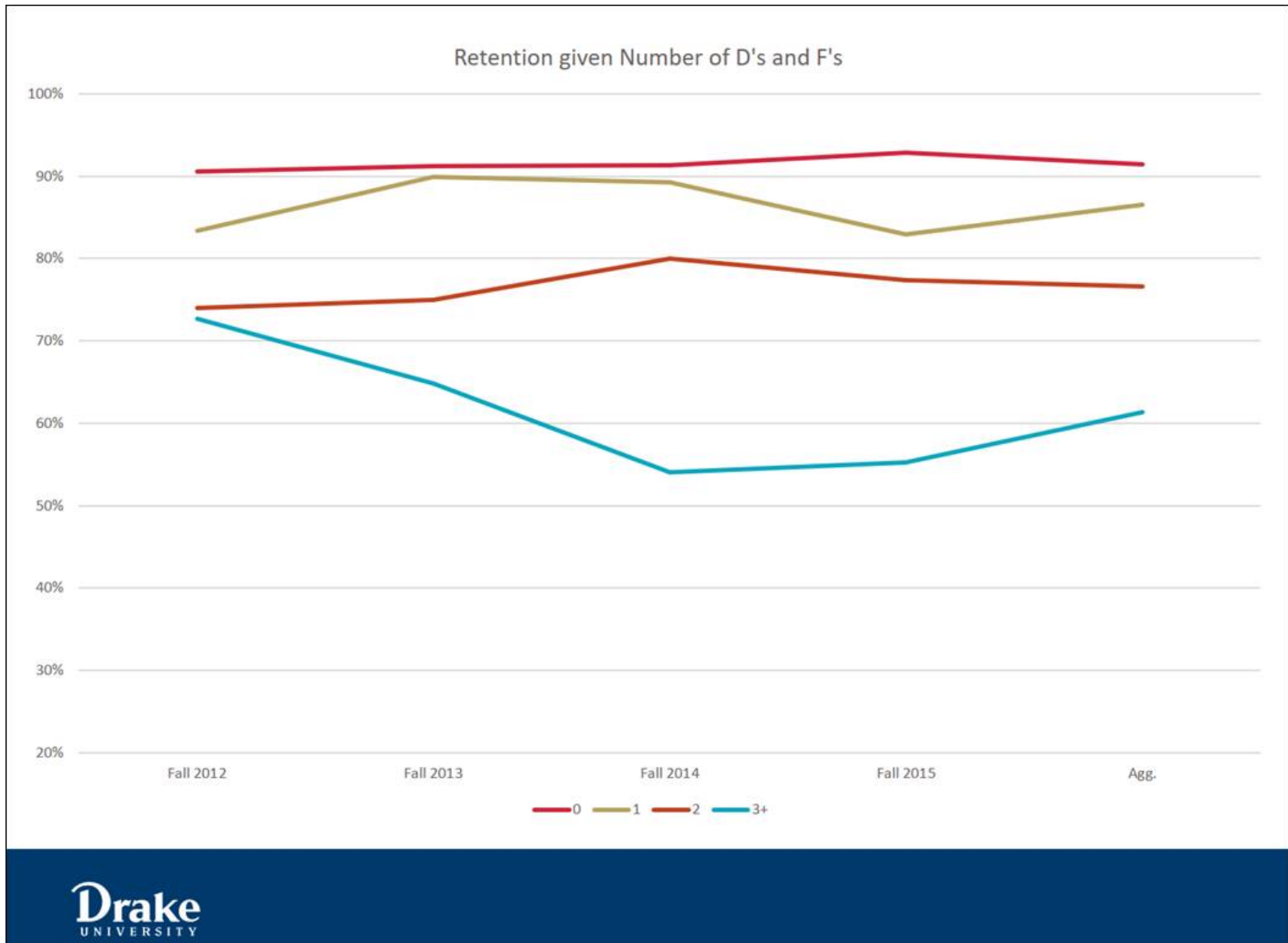
Source: 2016 Drake NSSE

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

About How many hours do you spend in a typical 7-day week doing the following? (Source: 2016 Drake NSSE)



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Drake Student Survey (a selection of FY comments specific to transition & support)

Q1.20 – Please share how your experiences at Drake compare to what you expected before you attended.

- Drake is a very competitive place, but it's the perfect amount, not over the top!
- Put me outside my comfort zone in a different way than I expected.
- It's very easy to ask for advice and to see your professors.
- I expected Drake to be a very close, tight-knit community since the student body is so small, but in my experience, it is very reminiscent of high school where people establish sorts of "cliques" at the very beginning of the year, which makes it hard for someone who likes to befriend everybody to acclimate to the student environment.
- I expected hands on things, but I wish things would move faster for my degree.
- I expected the professors to be more hands on, especially in the science department.
- I expected to get respect from other students but I don't sometimes because the color of my skin.
- less planning on part of programs and classes
- Academic assistant is very accessible
- I never thought I would join a sorority, but my sisters have changed my life more than I could ever accurately articulate.
- Less diverse than I expected.
- Drake is more academically rigorous than I expected - the classes are harder than I thought they would be.
- I knew someone at Drake and she said she absolutely loved her experience, but I never expected it to feel like home so quickly.
- I've had a more open experience with lots of discussion compared to what I expected.
- I did not expect my experience to be this engaged in the community and engaged with professors.
- It is relaxed but people still expect a lot out of you
- I expected the feel to be isolated, but it was not
- I expected more of a community feel but did not get that
- Not as many courses align with my interests, completely different than the tour, and even though there are aspects that have individual attention, you still feel very replaceable.
- Before I attended Drake, I was very nervous about how difficult my classes were going to be and I was afraid that I wouldn't meet a ton of people/make a lot of friends. Now that I've been here I realize that my classes are difficult but there are people here to help you and the teachers truly care about your learning and success and want to help you learn; it is also really easy to get involved and meet people and make friends
- Less academic support than expected
- I expected to go to a school and not know many people; however, the size is small enough to know many people in different majors.

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